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John T. Buxton Farmstead
Mt. Airy vicinity
Private

Ca. 1870-1900

The John T. Buxton Farmstead consists of a two-story frame dwelling with vinyl siding and two contributing outbuildings, a small frame and stone bank barn and a frame wagon shed/corn crib. The house was probably built about 1870 by John T. Buxton (1835-1894) and the barn and wagon shed with cribs appear to date from about 1875-1900. The house has a two-room basic plan with a rear wing and one-story porch with turned columns and brackets. Its exterior is covered with vinyl siding and the doors, windows, and shutters are replacements of the originals. The farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the house, in which its basic functional vernacular form is still visible and in which one parlor on the first floor has Greek fret trim at the doorway and windows. This appears to have been assembled from individuals members with the result being in large scale relative to the window and door openings. It is reflective of a late 19th century craftsman's attempt to formalize the simple plan of the vernacular farmhouse of the period. Buxton came from a family of B&O Railroad employees and may have also been associated with the company. The 1873 Titus Atlas map shows a road connection between the farm and the Plane No. 4 Engine House.

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Mt. Airy

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None



Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John T. Buxton Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4270 Bill Moxley Road not for publicationcity, town Mt. Airy x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x <u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> x <u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> x <u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> x <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x <u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x <u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name V.I. Builders, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 659 telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1833

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 83

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-5-93

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The John T. Buxton Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling with vinyl siding built about 1870 and two contributing outbuildings of the period 1875-1900, the group being located on the west side of Bill Moxley Road about 1,000 feet south of the overpass of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks paralleling the south bank of Bush Creek, near Mt. Airy, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is set back from the public road at the end of an approximately 500-ft. driveway. The house faces north and the outbuildings, which also include several non-contributing structures, are located south and southeast of the dwelling. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, land records, and a biographical sketch in the Williams & McKinsey 1910 History of Frederick County.

The dwelling has a three-bay north elevation with a one-story porch and a center entrance. The exterior was probably originally covered with german siding which may still be in place under the vinyl siding. The roof was probably wood shingles or standing seam metal, but the present cladding is corrugated metal. An exterior concrete block chimney is on the west gable end and an interior chimney is at the east end. A two-story rear wing extends from the southwest corner. The windows are replacement 6/6 sash with new metal shutters. The porch has a rebuilt wood deck with the original turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets. The main entrance door has a glass panel and a two-light transom. The rear wing has a one-story addition on the south and a one-story porch on the east side which extends onto the south side of the main section. The interior of the house has been considerably altered, with new finishes on most walls, floors, and trim. The original plan was two rooms on each floor. The most distinctive feature of the interior is the large-scale Greek fret trim over the door and windows in the east parlor, a vernacular attempt to provide formality in a simple late 19th century sitting room.

Bank barn: The small frame bank barn with a stone foundation and arched louvred vents is located south of the dwelling. It has an extension on the west elevation with enclosed stalls on the east side, sheltered by a modern metal loafing shed. On the north elevation is a concrete block milk house. The barn was probably built about 1880-1900.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed stands southeast of the house and northeast of the barn. The building is in fair condition, with a door to the loft hanging askew on the west elevation. The exterior is german siding with a corrugated metal roof. The cribs on the north and south sides have horizontal vented siding. Attached to the north side is an open shed for additional equipment storage. The wagon shed may date from about 1890-1900.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1870-1900

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John T. Buxton Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the vernacular dwelling which has been altered with vinyl siding, replacement windows and doors and considerable interior finish changes. Its principal features of note are the basic two-room original plan with a rear wing and the vernacular Greek fret trim in one of the parlors on the first story. The trim indicates a late 19th century effort to formalize the functional plan of the traditional farmhouse of the period. Rather than choosing a readily available milled trim, the builder assembled the Greek key design from individual wood members, resulting in a larger scale than in milled trim. The house was probably built by John T. Buxton (1835-1894). Although nothing about his occupation has been discovered as yet, it is possible that he had a position with the B&O Railroad, because the 1873 Titus Atlas map shows a road connection between the Buxton Farmstead and the Plane No. 4 Engine House. John T. Buxton's brother Brook Buxton 2nd (1839-1911) was a fireman on the railroad for 44 years, and his father Brook Buxton 1st (born 1801) was also a railroad blacksmith and conductor until retiring in 1850.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-93

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.1. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966, p. 222.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Damascus, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 89, Parcel 43.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 1994

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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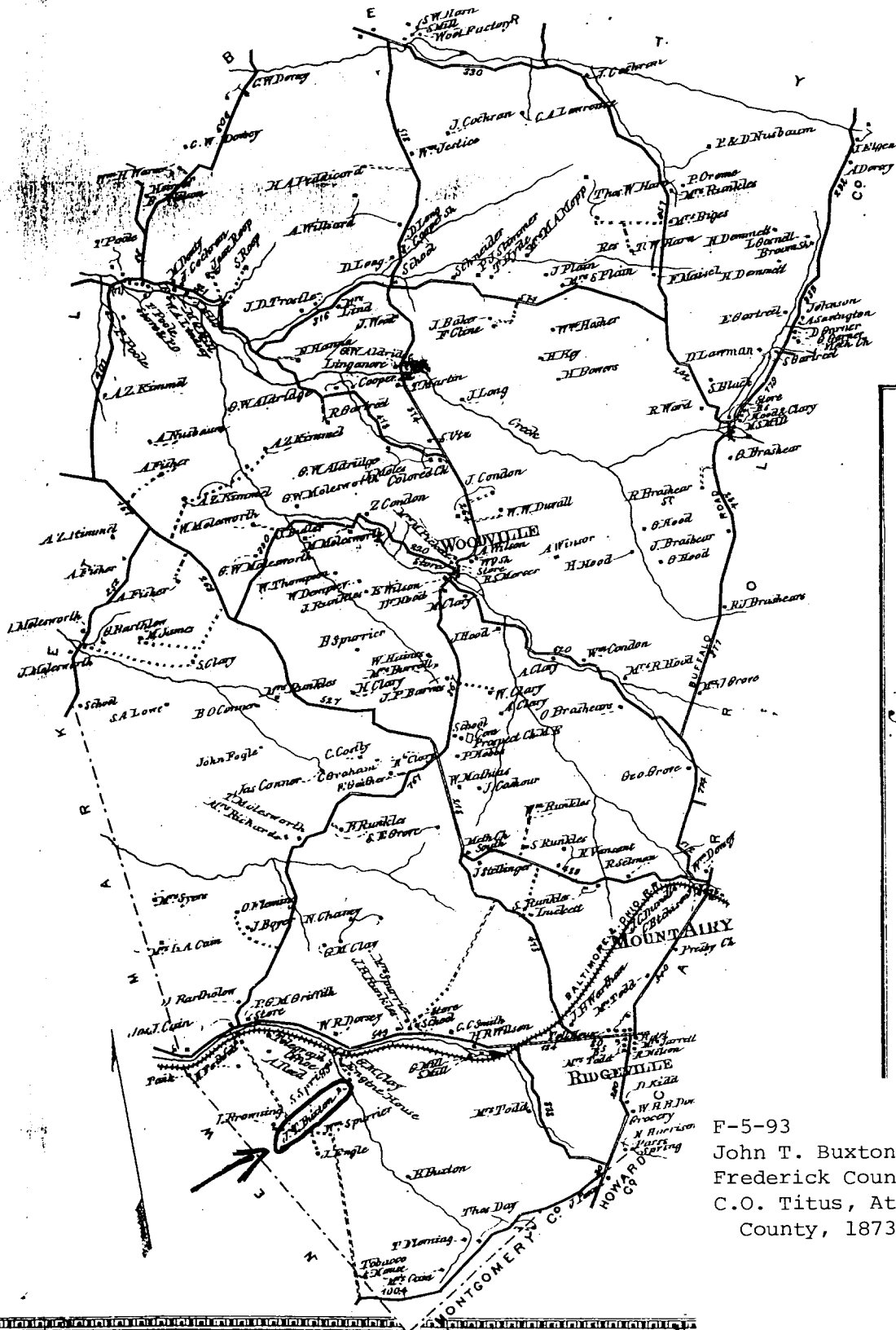
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1034.

427 Bill Moxley Dr.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1833/83 27 Oct 92	V.I. Builders, Inc.	Charlotte Gloria Hahn	Parcel 1: 88 A, 2 R. 9 sq. p. Parcel 2: 16 sq. p.	\$470,000
969/429 15 Sept 75	Charlotte Gloria Hahn	Jessie B. Hahn	90 A.	
370/275 11 Apr 29	Jessie B. Hahn	John E. & Ida Julia Hauck	90 A. 338/340	
354/340 30 Apr 22 10 Jun 25	John E. & Ida Julia Hauck	Jacob Rohrbach, trustee in Equity 11,135	Hauck vs. Myers Equity Record EGH 7/108 8 room frame dwelling with metal roof, bank dam 30x46 ft. wagon shed, machine shed, barn houses, etc.	
338/340 3 Apr 22	Raymond C. & Matilda M.P. Myers	John E. Hauck et ux	P. 1: 88 A, 2 R. 9 sq. p. P. 2: 16 sq. p.	
320/573 21 Apr 17	John E. Hauck et ux	William O. & Charles W. Buxton exors. of LWT of John S. Buxton, et al	90 A. "Resurvey on Charles Lot"	
AF 5/416 19 Jun 1882	John S. Buxton	Brock & Emily J. Buxton	3 3/4 A. no mention of bldgs. or improvements	\$100
CM 5/430 7 July 1870	John S. Buxton	David & Rachel H. Pfingling	part of "Charles Lot" "Pretty Sally" part of Charles Lot	\$1,000
DSB 1/115 26 Mar 1867	Rachel H. Pfingling	Ruth Griffith, et al	100 A.	
	Ruth Griffith	Philip McElfresh LWT		

WOODVILLE DIST No. 18

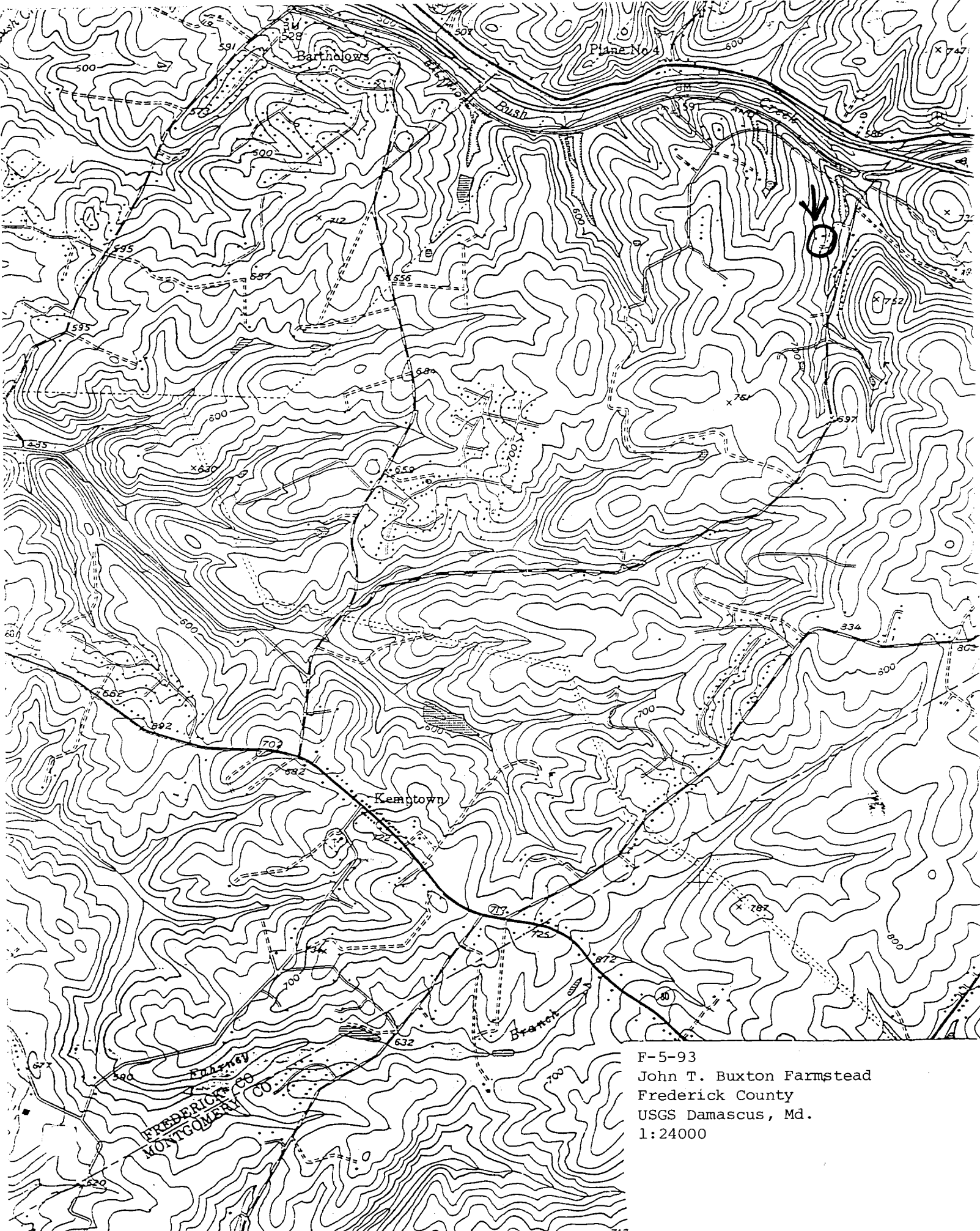
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John T. Buxton Farmstead
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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John T. Buxton Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Damascus, Md.
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John T. Buxton, President

Fredrick

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May 1973

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F. S. 200

John T. Benton, 1850-1851

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1854-1855

1856-1857

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1860-1861

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Solent. Benthic foraminifera

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